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WIDOWS NEGLECTED

By Mrs. Jule Miller

the early church, Luke wrote of the Greek-speaking Jews who complained because the Hebrew Christians were neglecting their duties in the daily distribution of food and clothing. Deacons were appointed to take care of these needs and the apostles could be released to spend full time in prayer and ministry of the Word.

Although in our modern day there are few widows who depend wholly on the church for support, there are reasons to believe that in many congregations some of our widows are being neglected in other ways.

Stop and think for a moment of the widows that you know, some are young. Think not so much on the status of their widowhood or so much what brought them to their present condition, but on how they are responding to a life of grief and how you are responding to them.

There are widows of all ages and us, young women with small children, widows with teenage children and women alone in the world. Some of us may be widows some day and I wonder how we would respond if so little attention were given to them then as we give to the widows we know now.

Have you ever thought with what special courage these women have to be endowed in order to face the problems of everyday living? In so many ways this is a man's world and women alone in it need strength and encouragement not only from the Word of God but from their Christian friends.

Just how do you encourage the widows who are your acquaintances? We know we have a special commandment given to us. We read in James 1:27: "Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows, in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." Do you visit the widows?

Oftentimes we go to visit a widow just after the death of her husband. We stand by her in her first grief and pain, and then we seem to lose sight of the fact that she needs comfort, friendship and encouragement in the many days that follow such a tragedy.

We need to make a special effort to include these friends in our social gatherings, to invite them and their children to dine in our homes, to telephone and stop to chat. We should sympathize, of course, but try not to carry that sympathy too

Make them feel they have a place in the world, in the church and in your fellowship.

far. We need to let them know that there are still bright, happy days of service to God left, and try to help them enjoy life to the fullest. A few words spoken here and there may serve to lift them out of possible withdrawal and help them walk in ways of service to our Lord.

Sometimes the children of a widow missing the companionship and guidance of a father may be taken on excursions by the fathers of their little friends. The older women need to take a motherly interest in the younger widows lest they grow careless in their Christian duties, becoming idle and wanton against Christ. The older women are commanded to admonish these women and should not neglect this duty.

We should not forget to honor widows that are widows indeed. They have served the Church and need our support and trust as never before.

Jesus always was interested in widows. Jesus uses a widow to teach a lesson on giving in Luke 21. He had compassion on the widow whose only son lay dead, and gave him life again. Jesus is still interested in widows, and I am sure He wants us to do our best to seek them out, try to bring them happiness and joy, and to make them feel they have a place in God's wonderful world.

—Christian Woman

News and Notes

Emmaus Lutheran Church, Racine, Wis., the oldest congregation of our U.E.L.C., recently observed the second anniversary of the dedication of its new church. The guest speaker for the four services beside the Sunday School Hour on the occasion of that memorable Sunday was Pastor Paul Johnsen, missionary to Japan. The offerings for the day were divided between the Missions and the Building Fund. Recognition was made of the impressive growth in the Emmaus Congregation during these first two years of using its new House of Worship. For historical and news purposes a picture was taken of a group representing the 137 families included in the new membership. Another feature of the day's events was a beautiful service of dedication of the new Tower Chimes System presented to the congregation in memory of Mrs. Emma Keykal, a devoted Sunday School and Church Worker by her husband. To the delight of memory, many long time members of Emmaus heard the loud clear melodious voice of the old bell which for many years was rung from the steeple of the old Emmaus Church. This was possible by use of a tape recording. Beside having these beautiful chimes played each Sunday, their refrains are sent forth every morning while hundreds of young people pass by on their way to a nearby High School.

For several weeks an interesting series of Sunday evening services have been well attended. Some of them include a presentation of a series of films on the Bible as a part of a number of services conducted by the Luther Leaguers. Another event of effective contribution to the spiritual fellowship in the congregation was a "Songfest" sponsored by the choirs. The interest of the whole congregation was obviously aroused to greater joy in its participation in singing. A serious effort is also being made to engage every member of the congregation in a deeper concern and appreciation for the training and task of teaching in our constantly growing Sunday School.

Scranton, Ia. Sunday, November 3 was an outstanding day for the congregation of First Lutheran Church when a Harvest Festival was held together with the dedication of the beautiful new pews which were recently installed. Our former pastor, M. Jorgensen, was with us and conducted the service since he was instrumental in getting this project under way, many of the pews being given in memory of the loved ones who have passed on, and others given in appreciation of God's goodness and bountiful harvest.

Three years ago, the walls and ceiling of the church were renovated and last February the floor was re-finished, all the labor being done by willing workers of the congregation so now we feel we have a very inviting place of worship.

We are without a pastor at the present, but students and pastors from Dana College are conducting Sunday worship services. Our hope and prayer is that we may soon have a resident pastor again.

The 62nd Annual Convention of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at Blair, Nebraska, upon the invitation of the First Lutheran Church in Blair during the days of June 19-24.

Milltown, Wis. Milltown Lutheran Church, A. E. Neve, pastor, has completed its new parish hall. It provides for 12 additional class rooms for the Sunday School. It also provides office space for the pastor. It has a youth room with a beautiful variegated color Tennessee crab orchard stone fire place. A new hot water heating plant for both the church and the parish hall has been installed. 65 different men have given volunteer labor during the year.

74 persons have been admitted into membership the past year. The Sunday School reports an enrollment of 224. A senior department has been established in the Sunday School. 50 young people are members of the Luther League.

The congregation has recently voted to remodel the front of the church at a cost of \$4,000. Total receipts the

past year were \$18,777.00. member visitation will be conducted for the first time this year in the congregation.

Dickson, Alberta, Canada. Mayne Johanna Kure, age 64, away Oct. 26, 1957. She was born Peru, Ill. In 1924, she and her husband Arthur E. Kure, moved to Dickson, Alberta, where they have lived ever since. She was always interested in church and its work. The first church was at Bethany Lutheran Church, Dickson, Alberta, with the Rev. Larsen in charge. Her husband, sons, one daughter and six grandchildren survive her.

PASTOR EZRA JANGARE'S VISIT TO U. S.

By N. B. Hansen

Pastor Ezra is at present in our country, but he will soon be back in his home country, Nigeria, Africa. He looks back upon his visits to the U. S. in our various congregations, in homes, at conventions, he wishes to express his gratitude to the kindnesses shown him while here in the U. S.

On behalf of the board of foreign missions may I also express the board's appreciation for every kindness shown Pastor Ezra. It was some fear, that we planned his visit among our people. Pastors and members alike looked after the need of his. From the day he set foot upon American soil in New York (where Dr. Jersild met him, and took him to his home) until he left, he was cared for in every possible way. May I quote from his letter written in Denmark on October 10, 1957:

"Dear Friend in Christ:

I am going to write you a few lines today. Thanks so much for your letter. I was sorry because I did not reply as quickly as possible. I know I have no time to myself, I am going from place to place to visit the people of our work in Nigeria. I did in your country. Rev. E. J. told me that I would stay in Denmark 6 weeks, then I will fly back to Nigeria. Thanks for your kindness. I cannot forget you, my brothers. You please greet all the brethren and sisters in Christ for me. With love and thanks for all.

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Editorials and Comments

KEEP IN TRAINING

ches are worried about their players, if they do not in training all the time. The Apostle Paul had the worry about the Christians of his day. In every he writes he has something about keeping in train-

would be interesting to challenge the readers to read Paul's letters and look for the passages in which Paul es spiritual training. We have just read three letters underlined a number of such passages. Let us refer e, Eph. 6:11-18. There is a grouping of much advice is passage. But there are hundreds of others. Perhaps readers will accept the challenge and read all Paul's s and send us just one suggestion about one passage why it is important.

perhaps we are so well trained spiritually in our day we need not think about this problem!

A BEAUTIFUL NEW CAR

e are more concerned nowadays with the new tail s on our car than we are with the real value of the "These were the words of a business man to us the day. He asked us what we thought of the baby moon e us. He obviously was worried that we did not keep up the Russians. Said he, "We will pay three times uch to a coach of football as we will pay to a good ssor."

haps Sputnik is good for us. It is always good to that we are not number one in everything. It puts our right place. We need a bit of humility.

EDUCATION AND RELIGION

us was called teacher. The Christian message comes through teaching and preaching. Here we are concern- out teaching.

ring the past 25 years we seem to believe we have great headway in preparing material for teaching children and the young people. And great plans are to keep making progress in this field. Parish Boards ducation are busy in every church body with this em. The Joint Union Committee recently discussed d decided that it would not tie itself down to the so- l Long Range Program. The more we have thought e this the more satisfied we are that it did so.

happen to be pastor of a church with a Sunday l of about 200 children. We started with the old m of our own synod. Then we got another system, ow we use a third system. Each system was supposed better than the one we used.

are not so sure about this. We have not found such eat advance in Biblical knowledge of the children they come to the confirmation age. We believe that systems have a tendency to be too involved. There much material for each lesson. It is not easy for an ined teacher to find the basic thing in the lesson in

a half an hour. We believe the parish educators should sit down and give us a much more simplified system. This would help teachers too. They would get to emphasize the "iving Word," because they would get time to make the simple truth live before the children.

If the new church can do that, it would be a blessing of no end.

EMPTY CHURCHES

The fact that there are many people in the church regularly does not always prove that the gospel is preach- ed in the church. It is possible to fill a church by high salesman pressure and by good organization, good music, good choirs, good this and that.

Any one who has the drive and the organizational ability can make a business a success. Start to make a certain soap appealing, and you can build up a business any place.

There is an old saying that we should first preach the church empty and then full. There is much truth in that. Christian truth is not and never will be popular. But most of us fear to preach the church empty. This would be so contrary to the world's idea of success.

But lest some European or Dane should read this and get the idea that the full churches in America prove that we do not preach the gospel, let us hasten to add, that they better look within themselves first. We are a bit tired of some of their superior attitudes. Some of them told us this summer that it could not be right that we have many in church.

You may empty a church too by saying nothing, and then it will stay empty. But if you empty it by the Gospel, then you will fill it later, for the Gospel is a power unto salva- tion.

We simply want to say that when we look at a full church, we must not think we have succeeded. We never really succeed. A full church should make us even more worried about our message that we present it in all its fullness. "The Gloomy Dean of England," Dean W. R. Inge has said, "A cheap Gospel is doomed to ineffectiveness."

ORGANIZATION AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

The modern pastor must constantly look to the organiza- tion of his church and all the auxiliaries in the church. This takes much time and effort on the part of the pastor. It takes so much time that he and the congregation may forget to think of the Holy Spirit.

It is interesting to read the Book of Acts and the Pauline Letters with this in mind. The Early Church also organ- ized. Acts six and seven indicate this. But the reason for the organization was the fact that the pastors could devote more time to the Word of God. (Acts 6:2).

Sometimes after a committee meeting we get the impres- sion that the people feel: Now things will be all right! But the plain fact is that it is only the Word of God by the power of the Spirit which can make any impact on the world and on the church and its members.

Church News from here and there

NOMMENSEN UNIVERSITY RECEIVES \$282,000 FROM FORD FOUNDATION

The Ford Foundation has approved a grant of \$282,000 to Nommensen university for a four-year program to strengthen and develop its Faculty of Economics. The school was established three years ago in Sumatra by the Batak Christian Protestant Church of Indonesia.

The grant will be administered by the National Lutheran Council here, under a cooperative relationship arranged between the Council and the University.

In forwarding the gift Joseph M. McDaniel, Jr., secretary of the Ford Foundation, said it represented "an important effort to assist in the improvement of higher education in Indonesia."

The funds, he added, will be used to finance the service of visiting professors from America, fellowships to Indonesian students for post-graduate work in the United States, and the purchase of books and equipment for the University.

Approval of the grant climaxed a long period of negotiation between the Ford Foundation and officials of Nommensen University and the NLC.

Opened by the Batak Church in October of 1954, Nommensen University was named in honor of Ludwig I. Nommensen, a missionary of Danish nationality who was sent out by the Rhenish Mission Society of Germany in 1861 and became known as the "Apostle to the Bataks."

The Batak Christian Protestant Church is the largest of the Protestant groups in Indonesia. Bereft of its missionaries in World War II, the church organized independently and not only carried on but expanded its work. Today it has a membership of more than 667,000 and since 1952 has been a member of the Lutheran World Federation.

More than \$1 million in aid has been allocated to the Batak Church from Lutheran World Action funds

since 1948, first through the NLC's former Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions and in recent years through the LWF's Department of World Mission.

PRESIDENT SAYS GOD WILL LEAD MANKIND IN PEACEFUL ATOM USE

Only God will lead mankind to use the atom peacefully instead of for destructive purposes, President Eisenhower said at Washington, D. C.

He made the statement in presenting the first annual Atoms for Peace award to Dr. Niels Bohr, Danish-born physicist, in a ceremony at the National Academy of Sciences.

The President, speaking extemporaneously, said:

"The world now has a choice between the technology of abundance and the technology of destruction—between the use of power for constructive purposes or for war and desolation.

"And, my friends, as we contemplate this simple truth, I think we are moved to gain the deeper conviction that no matter how long or how far scientists may go in probing the secrets of Nature for the benefit of man, yet it will be only the Master Scientist, only the Almighty, Who will delve deeply enough into the hearts and minds of men to lead us to use these great secrets properly—to develop in us the compassion, sympathy, the understanding, the consideration for other points of view that will eventually bring peace—a just peace—to the world."

Mr. Eisenhower said there is no question that the people of the world desire constructive use of the atom. He urged that all nations work together in that direction.

MINISTER TELLS OF EVANGELISTIC WORK AMONG PROSTITUTES

The Rev. William Gowland thought it more important to show

the prostitutes of London the minister of the Lord cared for them than to serve the local Methodist church in England.

So he quit his pulpit in the Albert Hall Methodist Church in Manchester, he reported at the annual meeting of the Methodist Council of Evangelism at Minneapolis, Minn. For six years he worked the hours from 9 p.m. Saturday to 2 a.m. Sunday in Piccadilly Circus.

One of the women told him: "With your parson's collar on you wouldn't want to know a prostitute like me."

But he did; and before long he became known to the women as the man they could trust and to whom they could come with their problems. Since then, Mr. Gowland said, he has been able to tell the number of prostitutes from a "sinful way."

The clergyman cited this work to illustrate his theme that the Church's most important job is to "bridge the gap between the pavement and the pew."

"It isn't enough to be concerned with the nice people who come to church each Sunday," he said. "What we must do is reach the people who will not come to us."

Mr. Gowland became one of the first industrial chaplains in England, setting up his non-sectarian center in Luton, an industrial suburb northwest of London.

At his center for "the people who have nobody to turn to," Mr. Gowland operates a club for Teddy boys and girls, a British equivalent of juvenile delinquents. He also is chaplain of a juvenile jazz club of 600 members and runs an overseas club for the heavy influx of West Indian and other foreign laborers.

And he directs the Luton industrial college where a faculty of men from all levels of society try to apply Christian principles to the day-to-day problems in plants.

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The Washington Observer

By Gerhard E. Lenski

THE MEANING OF "BEEP-BEEP"

appearance of Sputnik in the sky has mightily embarrassed our scientists and our military. We knew the Russians were making strides in scientific matters. We certainly didn't expect all that they would enter outer space ahead of us, perfect this ugly globe-circling contraption with its strange "beep-beep," being other devices equally fantastic and possibly a thousand times more dangerous.

Sputnik is a challenge. The Russians must not be regarded as inferior. Their war-powers must not be underestimated. Well and good to comfort ourselves with the thought that we can blow them to smithereens if they attack us. But what if they pulverize us? At the same time they pulverize us?

The real challenge of Sputnik lies in the religious field. Sputnik is a challenge to a greater, better, stronger Christian effort. We must think of how we can destroy our enemies and we must try harder to win them as a brother through kindness, forgiveness, understanding and love like love. We will, no doubt, solve the scientific problem and have a still better Sputnik. What we really need to build is a better Christianity, a spiritual Christianity whose "beep-beep" says "peace" rather than "war."

Seeing Sputnik through the skies of Christmas, may the Russians and we discern the Star of Bethlehem. May the Star draw all men closer to the Prince of Peace.

OUTLAWING GENOCIDE

Genocide is defined as the crime of committing acts with the intent

of destroying in whole or in part a national, ethnic, racial or religious group.

Fifty-six nations, forming the **United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide**, have signed an agreement among themselves by which they promise to regard genocide as a crime and to deal with it as such in international affairs. Pakistan is the latest signer, a very recent one. Among other signers are the U.S., S.R. and four of its satellites, together with Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

Oddly enough, the United States is not a signer. The chief reason is we don't try to obliterate other nations or peoples—we're too civilized for that! So says an editorial writer in **The New York Times** in a recent explanation. Whatever we may think of such an explanation, the most of us will certainly agree with this same writer when he expresses the wish that our State Department would instruct our delegates both to sign the articles of this Convention and then to back up every constructive effort to outlaw genocide in all its forms. What if some who sign have made their signatures meaningless by their actions? Is not the basic purpose behind the whole effort a definite step in the right direction?

More than this, is not this whole matter one in which large church organizations, through their leaders, might well become interested, offering their encouragement to instruct our delegates to sign?

"A CERTAIN RICH MAN"

Ours is still a land of fabulous wealth. A recent survey conducted by **Fortune Magazine** lists 76 in-

dividuals whose personal fortunes run from \$75 million to \$1 billion or more. Add to these the far greater number whose holdings run from \$1 to \$75 million and we have a small army of Cadillac-driving millionaires before us!

Oilman Paul Getty heads this glorious procession. He offers us little light on how one acquires great wealth and still less information as to how to behave when once it is yours. Mr. Getty simply says he was lucky. A few millions, more or less, he avers, do not matter much to him. He comforts us with the statement that "after all, a billion today isn't what it used to be."

America's wealth, we commonly assert, is due to her free enterprise system. As true as this is, there are deeper considerations that must not be overlooked. God has been generous both to Brother Getty and to us as a people. To fail to recognize this basic fact is to make the possession of any wealth a danger rather than a blessing. Marxian Communism we rightly regard as evil—but it is no more an evil than is the free enterprise system that refuses to be controlled or motivated by the Christian spirit.

The **Fortune Magazine** story, interesting as it is, lacks one vital emphasis—that of Christian Stewardship. Ours is a prosperous economy, managed by keen, strong men. But it still needs to hear the words of Him who once said: "How hardly shall they that have great riches enter into the kingdom of God!"

POPULATION PRESSURES

Population pressures are mounting the world over. So say our Washington experts. And these pressures, stealing silently upon us, are intensifying many of the problems that perplex us. Crime, slums, war, the trend toward radical socialism and communism—these are all traceable in some degree to the pressures created by mounting populations.

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Send Down Your Roots

By Irving N. Tange

It may be true that "to start is half the battle," but it is even more certain that it is the finish or conclusion that really counts. This is especially true in the Christian life. Every time we read the Parable of the Sower our hearts are saddened a bit by the experience of the seed in the second type of soil mentioned. The seed in itself was just as good as any of the others. It appeared to be well received, because it began to grow very quickly. But it was not too long before things changed radically. Those little roots that were so vital to the whole program of growth, those roots which had to provide needed nourishment were suddenly turned back and rebuffed. They could go no further. Everything they needed was denied them; so what could they do but die? And because they died, the whole plant died.

Again and again severe storms sweep across the countryside leaving uprooted trees in their wake. Upon investigation we often find that many beautiful trees were toppled because they had such a small or inadequate root-system. "Too bad," we say.

Now these are very apt pictures of many people in their relation to Christianity. Young people at the time of confirmation or at a Bible Camp, others at a series of special services or at some other time open up for the Word and the new life in Christ. Joyfully they receive the seeds that they know can grow into life eternal. They marvel at the peace of God that comes

upon the glorious experience of forgiveness, and hearts are warm and glowing.

Such a beginning is wonderful and we thank God for it. They are beginning to grow, and that is surely thrilling for all who love the Lord. However, it is only a beginning. In addition to the growth that becomes evident on the surface, there must be a corresponding growth that is not seen outwardly. The roots need to grow. As in the example of the trees, our spiritual roots need to go deeper and deeper in order to find and supply the food and essentials so necessary to foster the growth above the ground.

Therefore we must do more about sending down those roots. Paul admonishes the Colossian Christians that they must be "rooted" more and more in Christ. They cannot stand still and live. And he prays for those at Ephesus that "Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, that ye being 'rooted and grounded' in love may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God."

Your life in God will die without the needed roots. Your whole outward structure of Christian life and faith may be destroyed or toppled over by a storm in life unless those roots beneath the surface are sufficient in number and size to hold you in peace.

Beginning

Continuing

Completing

It has been said that when a tree stops growing, it begins to die. Also, you must continue to grow day by day. But remember the procedure for growth. A tree does not grow by sending out more leaves and branches by increasing the size of its branches. On the contrary, its branches can grow only because and as its root system grows and gathers more of the food. Thus you and I cannot grow just by trying to do more Christian work and by engaging in more Christian activity. We can grow outwardly only as we grow inwardly in our heart relationship with our Lord. This involves going deeper into His Word in order to know Him better; it includes an enlarging of our worship and faith-life, so that He becomes more and more a part of us and we become more yielded to Him. The result will be a quickening of our faith and a corresponding increase in our outward service.

Remember that it is not just the outward appearance of your Christianity that actually counts the most, but the inner life upon which the outward depends.

Take time then to build up that inner life, to send down those roots into His Word that they may lay hold of more of faith and love and hope. Only the Lord can supply them. The root system is vigorous and healthy then branches that may happen to be broken off above the ground will be replaced, and the others will be larger and stronger and more useful.

The Sunday Afternoon Caller

By L. Madsen Andersen

After the service had been completed and the congregation was assembled outside the church discussing the affairs of the church and of the week, one of the committee members spoke to Kris Kringle, a member of the church. He said "Kris, may I come out to see you this afternoon about something very important?" Kris was a bit curious about such an approach, but agreed to allow the committee member to come. Kris had heard something about a program that was to be carried out in the congregation, but was a little suspicious, being a careful conservative type of person, cautious about anything new for the church.

The appointed time arrived and Kris heard the knock at the door. He invited the committeeman to come in. Here is the conversation.

"Kris, you know that we are planning an every-member-visit in our homes next month. We are organizing a com-

mittee to secure visitation-teams to call in all of the homes of the congregation. The purpose of the visit will be to explain the program of the church, its missions and our program here in our own parish. We will talk about the amount of undone work in our own congregation, the yet unengaged persons in the community who are not 'churched,' and the need for more and better trained teachers, and the persons who belong to our congregation who are not integrated. They have not become a part of us, and are not serving. We will be concerned about the small percentage of members who do the bulk of the work, serve on the office boards and supply the major part of the money to meet the budget. We will talk about the need to re-study our potential and our undone work, and ways of doing our work more effectively.

"I am here to ask you to serve on a committee to organize this and to secure workers. Your duties include to meet April 20 at an area meeting with other leaders from other congregations of our synod in this area. We hope to have about a dozen or more from each congregation assembled at a supper meeting, and will have someone there to ex-

every-member-visitation to be carried out this fall (1958). Duties will be to work during the summer months as helpers, and to meet again in an area meeting for mutual instruction, and then to meet with the visitation several times before November to instruct them in work. The teams will make their visits after the second day in November."

is a scene that will be repeated in many of the convocations of the synod during March and April of 1958 if plans now being crystalized are carried out. (We are going to try to imagine what Kris' answer was, but let me leave that to him.)

Of course, I'll be glad to serve, especially of the instructions explaining my duties are going to be that thorough.") This is a way of saying that the synod at the June, 1957 convention in Racine adopted the following directive to be acted by the synodical stewardship committee.

The church directs the districts to establish stewardship committees, and the district presidents to appoint stewardship committees or chairmen, and, when necessary, to create area committees or chairmen. The function of the committees shall be to initiate and give leadership in the creation and direction of congregational stewardship committees, and through area conferences with the congregational committees, give assistance in the parish program." (Year Book 229)

Under this directive, plans are being laid for an area-wide simultaneous every-member-visitation in the weeks of the synod during the weeks following the second day in November (1958). Pastors will receive "kits" of materials for use and letters urging them to have stewards and councils present at area meetings held

April 20. If the area meeting cannot be held April 20, it is urged that the meeting be held not later than April 27.

The purpose of the canvass will be education about the church and the Life in Christ lived in the twentieth century in our own synod. It will aim toward helping the churches re-think and re-study their program. The "dollar sign" is not written all over the program. The word "serve" is as much a part of it. The aim is "enlightened consecration" of church members. The advantages of this approach is that it is a face-to-face encounter with other members of the church. It will seek to engage more members in the vital relationship with the Living Savior in terms of trusting Him for salvation and serving Him for usefulness in His church.

In some congregations the every-member-visit is a tradition. In others it is just beginning and in still others it has never been attempted.

The final specific purpose of the education in the house-to-house visit will be to secure from each member of the church a pledge. This will be a pledge which will include several commitments. It will include a pledge to the budget of the church for the coming year. It will also include a pledge to the work of the church. For instance, the suggested pledge form will have a space provided on which members may pledge themselves to attend a teacher-training class. There will be a space for indicating a willingness to serve at the different posts required to keep a church going—the offices, the altar guild, the kitchen committee, and sick-call committee.

If all members will cooperate in this venture it will be a refreshing, stimulating and fruitful experience.

PACIFIC DISTRICT MEETS

By Anker M. Jensen

As not without the experience of some fear that the Pacific District convened at Ansgar Lutheran Church in San Francisco October 17 to 20 and concluded with the theme, "We should fear and love God."

Pastor Spener S. Petersen said he had been somewhat fearful in contemplating the hosting of the convention. Indeed, his first reaction when asked by the District President to host the convention was, "It's impossible." Realized problems in housing accommodations, since the Ansgar members live in rather small apartments, little or no room for guests. There was the parking problem, rendered more acute by suburbanites leaving cars in the area and going down town by bus. There was the problem of getting adequate personnel for the stewardship committees in a congregation that is not large. However, Ansgar members rose admirably to the challenge. The able direction of General Chairman Craig Nielson and excellent provision was made for all needs. The intimate and worshipful church edifice contributed much to the joy and inspiration of the occasion. Meeting in a small old church provided an interesting contrast to the spaciousness in recent years in new churches. Although the church is old, it shows no signs of deterioration. Built before the earthquake of 1906, it not only withstood the repercussions of that tragic year and every temblor since that time, but Rev. C. Justesen playfully observed, "even little Ansgar has not bothered it." The facilities of Ansgar were supplemented by a neighboring Methodist church in which the separately scheduled laymen's and women's meetings were held.

District President Christian Justesen showed little sign of fear as he presided at the preliminary business session with sparkling wit and contagious good humor. At the concluding business session, however, he admitted that he, too, had had his fears. He had been somewhat fearful lest the business of the convention would not be completed in the allotted time, since the length of the convention had been reduced this year by one day. However, the business was concluded in ample time, leaving enough time for playing in its entirety a tape of the Lutheran World Assembly at Minneapolis, a portion of which had been played earlier during the convention.

Some fears had also been experienced with regard to the response to some changes in the arrangement of the program from that used in previous years. What response would there be, for example, to the idea of a Saturday night banquet at the Cliff House, a new feature of this year's program? However, the new features of the program were well received. 150 people enjoyed the Saturday night banquet in famed Cliff House by the Pacific Ocean, where Dr. Walter Hellman, President of the California Conference of the American Lutheran Church, was the guest speaker. Ansgar Church graciously provided orchids for the wives of pastors, and subsidized the cost of the banquet (making it \$3.75 instead of \$4.40).

Elected to the convention committees were the following: **Ways and Means:** Pastor Ingward Olsen, Eugene, Oregon; Pastor Allan D. Hansen, Lynwood, Calif.; Mrs. James Hansen, Lynwood; George Jorgensen, Selma; and Mrs. Joe Shelly, Portland.

Auxiliary: Pastor Hillerup Rasmussen, Ferndale; Pastor Anker M. Jensen, Castro Valley; William Larsen, Fresno; Mary Lundsberg, Inglewood; and Louise Elgaard, Eugene. Paul Kloth, Inglewood.

Finance: Pastor Sidney Jorgensen, Oakland; Pastor Verner Carlsen, East Whittier; Atlef Moos, Eugene; Mrs. Clifford Anderson, North Hollywood; and Maurice Petersen, Easton.

Resolutions: Mrs. Herman Squires, East Whittier; Pastor Paul Kloth, Inglewood.

The Budget Committee and the Topics Committee were eliminated.

Pastor H. Milton Peterson was re-elected District Secretary, and Pastor C. S. Kloth was re-elected Vice-President. Clifford Andersen of North Hollywood was elected to the District Board as lay representative. There were 52 delegates and 26 pastors at the convention, besides other guests. Present, in addition to pastors of the District, was Pastor K. M. Mathiesen, Executive Director of our Home Missions. Pastor J. P. M. Magnussen, who had recently arrived from Maine, was present.

A budget of \$7,720.46 was adopted. In addition, \$399.75 from the present balance on hand was given to pay our synod's share of the debt incurred by the **Western Lutheran**. \$1000 from the balance on hand was given to the California Lutheran Educational Foundation, which is working for the establishment of a Lutheran College in California. The convention expressed its interest in continuing work among the Japanese on the West Coast, and requested the Board of Home Missions to consider ways and means of accomplishing this objective. The convention decided to support this work in the amount of \$1200 per year if the Home Mission Board obtains a pastor at the Rosedale Centre, Del Rey, to succeed Pastor D. G. M. Bach. It was decided also to give \$600 to the Board of Foreign Missions. A good deal of consideration was given to the matter of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Fund. It was decided that the entire assets of this fund (about \$20,000) be given to the synod's church extension fund for use in home missions in

the Pacific District.

Speakers at the convention included Dr. R. E. Moos, former president of Dana College, now pastor at Inglewood, Calif.; Pastor Ingward P. Olsen, Eugene; Pastor Sidney Jorgensen, Oakland; Pastor Paul Kloth, Inglewood; Pastor George Demant, Fresno; Pastor C. S. Kloth, Portland; Pastor A. E. Syverud, Lutheran Welfare Director, San Francisco; Everett Johnson, Mount Cross Bible Camp Director, Felton.

Chaplain Kjeldahl of Porterville Hospital spoke at the W.M.S. sponsored meeting. Ray Ewan, Scout Executive, spoke at the Laymen's Meeting. Representatives of the ALC and ELC brought greetings at the banquet and at the W.M.S. evening meeting. An interesting feature of the latter meeting was a series of personality portrayals, depicting spiritual pilgrimages of representative individuals from our four missions fields, Africa, India, Japan, and America. Mrs. S. Ujiiie, wife of Japanese pastor S. Ujiiie, who also brought greetings, represented Japan in her portrayal.

An outstanding musical treat was a sacred concert by Donna Jean Petersen, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Sp. Petersen, and member of the San Francisco opera. Petersen also sang at several other meetings during the convention. The choir, with Roland Fulle as organ director, contributed much to the inspiration of the meetings.

In the consideration of the theme of the convention, the proper place of fear, in conjunction with love and control was developed, and we were exhorted to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The next District convention will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Easton.

This District consists of 5901 baptized members in 10 congregations.

DIPLOMACY—STEWARDSHIP?

Sir:

I am always impressed with clergymen who seem to have a talent for a certain type of diplomatic leadership. I refer to the ability which some clergymen have, to get problem-people to do "good" things for the church, while these people are allowed or perhaps encouraged to remain as they are and to change none of their attitudes.

While I am impressed with such talent, I confess that it sometimes sets me to wondering if the talent cannot be misused.

Here's the sort of thing I have in mind—

This congregation has a building program and money. A wealthy, but cantankerous old miser belongs to the congregation. The finance committee tells the pastor that it is a shame that this old gentleman has given nothing to date. The committee wonders if the pastor (whom everyone knows is such a good diplomat) cannot talk to the man and get him into a mood to chip in.

So this pastor decides to give it a try. He goes to the man and talks to him diplomatically. The old man recognizes his prejudices, reasserts his selfish outlook on life, and again tells the pastor how terrible everybody else in the congregation is, and once again displays his hardness.

This time the pastor does not argue—as he had done in the past. He does not try to convince the man here is only one route to forgiveness and that this leads through the valley of inner conflict and remorse. Instead, the pastor sort of agrees and strings with the old sinner and acts as if the fellow is sort of.

pastor cultivates him further and through his fine nacy becomes (heaven help him) a pal to this man. a while the old man comes across with a nice fat for the building fund and the pastor's relationship d parishoner remains all sweetness and light. The e committee is gleeful and does not hesitate to tell astor that he is the first minister who has ever had uccess with old "What's-His-Name." The other min- who tried just weren't smart enough to realize that alling this "What's-His-Name" it just wasn't wise to out his sins or to expect him to change any. But inister knows how to deal with him. Funny that the ministers didn't know that to get a person to do what want him to do you have to be diplomatic. Adjust lf to the man's personality, his likes and dislikes. to accept his faults as belonging to him. Never him to change. Remember that if anything about ars you, it is you who must adjust yourself. If you s cleverly, you can probably get him to do what you him to do. Any minister ought to know that!

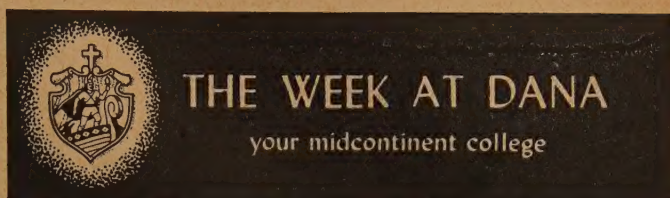
t's the sort of thing I have in mind, Sir. Personally t see that such an approach would make God very even if it made the building fund bigger. Oh, the ng fund idea is incidental—just an example of how etimes seems to church members and to pastors he most important thing is to get along with the so that you can get them to do what you want them But it seems to me that the New Testament clearly s that pastors are to be used by God to **change**, not just to get them to string along. After all, a diplomat or good salesman can have great success ting people to string along, without actually **changing** one whit.

n a pastor works like everything to make his con- ion "go"; when he is faced with the current demand his work be "successful"; and when all the world, ing his own congregation, puts on the pressure for o be less concerned with changing people and more ned with making them "do things"—I think the should stop and think about Psalm 27:1 which says Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be

on me for getting kind of preachy, but don't you this is something to think about? After all, if we t Jesus' work with individuals in His day we see e was much more interested in changing people than ing them to string along. Take the rich young ruler. wasn't very flattering to him. Perhaps Judas, the er, might have thought this was a shame because us had just been more diplomatic this promising man might have gone along with the disciples and thim quite a bit financially. But Jesus was always ppointment to those who expected a smooth approach. was not looking for cooperation from people. He was change them. He wanted nothing more and nothing an change, conversion, new hearts.

getting preachy again. Better close. But I really do at pastors ought to think about this.

Yours,
Scrip Sundry.



Goodbye CCCC

Football season at Dana is over for 1957. Our association with the Central Church College Conference is also over. With the beginning of basketball season, Dana moves into the larger Nebraska College Conference. This, our last year in the CCCC is over, but it will not soon be forgotten. For the first time in a good many years, Dana ended its football season as the conference champions, losing no conference games. The season record doesn't show the spirit and teamwork that made the '57 squad champs. Dana won 3 and lost four. The final game of the season was cancelled due to an outbreak of the flu at Sioux Falls College as well as at Dana.

The '57-'58 Viking basketball team moves into the new conference with determination. Last year's squad placed second in the old conference with a 3 win-three loss record. The season's total record was 10 wins and 10 losses. Last year, Dana scored a total of 1520 points to their opponents' 1440 points. The first conference game for the Vikings will be December 13, when they travel to Wayne State Teachers College. The season opens on December 7, with the Vikings' old CCCC rival Tarkio here.

The complete basketball schedule and 1957 football recap will appear in the November Dana Bulletin which should reach you in about a week.

Sociology Students See Welfare Work

Members of the introduction to Social Work class under Professor William Smith travelled to Omaha recently to visit the Immanuel Deaconess Institute and Goodwill Industries.

The field trip was planned to give Dana students a first-hand look at welfare work. The Goodwill Industries agency was organized 21 years ago to help with the employment of the physically handicapped.

Approximately 200 persons are employed by the agency in the Omaha area. It is recognized as the largest private social service in the world, employing over 30,000 persons.

Immanuel Deaconess Institute, sponsored by the Augustana Lutheran Church, consists of several types of homes including those for the aged, invalids and children. A hospital and a nursing school are also included in Immanuel's framework.

Professor Smith termed the trip "very worthwhile." It enabled students to see for themselves the things they've been reading about in text books.

Dana-Midland to Exchange Talent

Two Lutheran colleges, Dana of the U.E.L.C. and Midland (Fremont, Nebr.) of the U.L.C., are planning to initiate an exchange program this winter. Midland is sponsoring a program for Dana students on November 23. Dana will reciprocate in the spring. Following the programs, the schools will each hold a social mixer for the visiting students.

The purpose of the exchange program is to foster better relationships between the two Lutheran colleges. The schools are 26 miles apart.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

IT'S LIKE THIS

By Dorothy C. Haskin

Lots of people act as if everyone they knew was a Christian. It's always polite to assume that a person is the best. However, let's face it. Maybe you aren't a Christian. Or maybe you think you're one, but you aren't. Exactly what is a Christian? If you ask different people, you can get a lot of different answers but only one is the right answer.

You probably have studied enough science in school to know that nature is governed by laws. You put two chemicals together, and you will get a known reaction. This one answer business is true not only in the realm of nature, but in all things which have to do with God. There is only **one** way to God, through His Son, the Lord Jesus. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

The first step is wanting to come, admitting you are a sinner. I know that sinner isn't a popular word. Nowadays no one is a sinner but a Communist or a murderer. But the truth is we are all sinners. In your innermost heart you know too well that you're a sinner. You're full of good resolutions which you can't keep. You just don't percolate the way you'd like to.

You've got someplace when you're ready to admit you are a sinner because the Lord said, "I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance" (Matthew 9:13). He can only help those who admit they are sinners.

He can help sinners because He was not one. He lived a perfect life as no mere man ever did. He died as no mere man ever died. He died not for His own sins, but for yours. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (I Peter 2:24).

And so you become a Christian by believing that Christ died for your sins. So simple! In different churches the call to receive Christ as Saviour often is worded differently, but the simplest invitation was given to the Philippian jailer by the Apostle Paul, "Believe

on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Won't you receive Him as your Saviour? If there's any doubt if you have or not, kneel now and say to the Lord. Say it, and mean it. George Clemenceau, former prime minister of France, once explained, "When a Frenchman says 'yes' he means 'I understand what you are saying' but when an American says 'yes' it means 'I will go ahead and do it.'"

So go ahead and do it. Receive Christ as Saviour and live for Him. The secret of living close to the Lord is keeping your quiet time with Him. Only then you will come to know Him. There you will find forgiveness for your daily sins. There you will find wisdom to make correct decisions.

There are three things which you will want to do during your quiet time. You will want to read the Bible. That is God speaking to you. There is no substitute for reading it. If you have only a few minutes to spend with God, spend them letting Him talk to you, then you are talking to Him.

Naturally you will want to read the Bible through many, many times. Many a man has read it through forty or fifty times. Read the New Testament first, then the Old Testament. Read Proverbs often. Read the Psalms often.

Follow some sort of plan. Perhaps whatever you are in Sunday school class is studying. Or the young people's group. Or the selected readings your family follows. But set yourself to read the Bible every morning and every night. "This book of the law shall not depart from thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou mayest observe to do according to what is written therein" (Joshua 1:8).

Then you will want to pour out your heart in prayer. Believe me, there is no sure comfort but in God. There will be many times in your life when you can't agree with your parents, friends or girl friend. Only God will understand. And so if you talk to Him every day, you will be on speaking terms when you need arises. Christ promises, "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him" (Psalm 91:15).

Pray for your own problems, but also for your family.

There is any place that you are to be a Christian witness must be in your own home, so make your family your first concern. But don't let your vision stop there, keep in your prayers the entire world. Interest yourself in the missionaries of your church and pray daily for God's work in the far-flung corners of the world. Keep a devotional notebook. Any loose-leaf notebook will do. Your devotional life will be much richer if you form the habit of keeping a record of your spiritual progress. Write down the special verses the Lord impresses on your heart as you read the Bible. Write down your prayer requests, and the answers. When you have a special problem, write it down and after it, the relating verses and answers the Lord brings to you. This record will prove invaluable to you. It will prove to be a check on your spiritual progress.

God, I leave you. Life is an adventure, and it never comes when all your problems are solved. If you learn to walk with Him, you can truly follow the path of the just is as the shining light, that grows more and more unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18).

DANA NIGHT AND RALLY

Approximately 70 leaguers from Cushing, Luck, Milltown, Wisconsin, gathered at Milltown Lutheran on Sunday evening, Nov. 3, for a "Dana" banquet. Scripture was read by Bonnie Sorenson, Luck, and anthems were sung by the youth of Luck and Milltown. The program was climaxed with an informative talk about Dana by Dr. Madsen, President of the college.

The group later attended a Reformation Service at Luck High School Auditorium.

A Circuit Rally for the same leagues (including Pass Lake) will be held at First Lutheran, Cushing, on Sunday, Nov. 24th, at 5 p.m., with Missionary Paul Johnson as speaker. A banquet dinner will be served.

CHRISTMAS CHIMES

This year's Christmas Chimes uses the theme: "Christ the Light." Read Pastor Girtz's captivating sketches of Baburji, the cook with a light in his face, and Singh, the believer with a light in his soul. Let Nissen tell you about an African child rescued from a slow death over dying embers. Learn of the light that Albert Schweitzer has brought to the people of Africa in Luella Nielsen's descriptive essay. These are but some of the selections offered you in the collection of this year's Chimes introduced by the theme: "And Nations Shall Come to Your Light."

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END, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

There is an ancient story about Moses—I think it comes from the Talmud—that goes something like

A beggar came to Moses and asked him for bread. "Come into my tent," said Moses, "and you shall eat with me."

The beggar entered the tent and Moses set out food for both of them. Before eating, Moses gave praise to God. Not the beggar, who watched in silence while Moses gave thanks.

"Why do you not praise God?" asked Moses.

"Why should I praise God?" asked the beggar. "What has he done for me? Why has he allowed me to be so poor?"

Hearing these words, Moses became angry. He picked up his staff, beat the beggar, and drove him from his tent without any food.

When the beggar had gone—so the ancient story runs—God came to Moses and said: "Moses, why did you not feed the beggar; why did you beat him?"

"Because he would not praise you, Lord," said Moses, feeling very righteous.

"Moses," said God, "that man has not praised me for twenty years, and he is still alive. He has not praised me because all that time YOU have neglected him. He is only alive at all because I am less religious than you are, and have not suffered him to perish. And it seems to me, Moses, that if I were as religious as you appear to be there would be no one left alive upon the earth."

With these words God vanished.

(—From The Communion of Sinners.)

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PRAYER

Be not afraid to pray—to pray is right.
 Pray, if thou canst, with hope; but ever pray,
 Though hope be weak, or sick with long delay;
 Pray in the darkness, if there be no light.
 Far is the time, remote from human sight,
 When war and discord on the earth shall cease;
 Yet every prayer for universal peace
 Avails the blessed time to expedite.
 Whate'er is good to wish, ask that of Heaven,
 Though it be what thou canst not hope to see;
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 Forbid the spirit so on earth to be;
 But if for any wish thou darest not pray,
 Then pray to God to cast that wish away.

—Hartley Coleridge

HIS MUTILATED BIBLE

There came a new minister to a certain church. He was full of these new "higher critical" theories and started teaching them. At the end of two years he was told that one of the leading men of his church was ill. He went to see him. The man was dying. The minister said, "Shall I read to you a little and pray with you?" "Yes," replied the man, and beckoned to his wife to bring the minister a Bible. A Bible was brought and he opened it and saw a strange sight. Some books were taken out of it, some pages torn away, some chapters gone, and some verses cut out: it was a shamefully mangled Bible. The minister said, "Have you not a better Bible than this?" The dying man said, "When you came I had a whole Bible. But as soon as you told me that one book was fiction I tore it out; and that one chapter was not true, I removed it; and that some of its stories were just fables, I cut them out. If I had another year under you, I think I should have had the two covers, and nothing else!" —From Moody Monthly in the Sunday School Times.

GOD IS GOOD

I see the wrong that round me lies
 I feel the guilt within;
 I hear, with groans and travail-cries,
 The world confess its sin.
 Yet, in the maddening maze of things,
 And toss by storms and flood,
 To one fixed trust my spirit clings,
 I know that God is Good!

—J. G. Whittier

AUTUMN

All nature is paying her tribute
 To the God of the Universe old;
 The leaves in homage are turning
 To colors quite vivid and bold;
 The brook's retracting its waters,
 And birds seem to sing a goodbye,
 When goldenrod, woodbine and gen-
 tian
 Praise the Lord, though soon they
 must die.
 Apple-trees, pumpkins and grape-vines
 Seem laden with goodness and love;
 And we, God's own children, give
 praises
 For his watchful care from above.

—Ruth Clymer White

CHOOSE THOU FOR ME

I dare not choose my lot;
 I would not if I might;
 Choose thou for me, my God,
 So shall I walk aright.
 The Kingdom that I seek
 Is thine; so let the way
 That leads to it be thine,
 Else surely I might stray.
 Take thou my cup, and it
 With joy or sorrow fill;
 As best to thee may seem.
 Choose thou my good and ill.
 Choose thou for me my friends,
 My sickness or my health;
 Choose thou my cares for me,
 My poverty or wealth.
 Not mine—not mine the choice,
 In things or great or small;
 Be thou my Guide, my Strength,
 My Wisdom and my All.

—H. Bonar.

PRAYER

I asked for bread; God gave a staff
 instead.
 Yet, while I pillowed there my weary
 head,
 The angels made a ladder of
 dreams,
 Which upward to celestial mount-
 led.
 And when I awoke beneath the moon-
 ing's beams,
 Around my resting place fresh manna
 lay;
 And, praising God, I went upon my
 way,
 For I was fed.
 God answers prayer; sometimes, when
 hearts are weak
 He gives the very gifts believers seek.
 But often faith must learn a deeper
 rest,
 And trust God's silence when he
 not speak;
 For he whose name is Love will
 the best.
 Stars may burn out, nor mourning
 walls endure,
 But God is true, his promises
 sure
 For those who seek.

—Author Unknown

THE TENDER ONES

By Mary B. Wall

In time of drought when moisture
 fails
 With field and forest bleak and
 thirst,
 The tender plants are soonest stricken
 The seedlings always wither first;
 Oh, shelter little ones with love,
 And never let its springs be dried
 For children always suffer most
 When our affection is denied.

—Home Life

Boy: "And now, doctor, that
 told you I am going to marry Ann
 there's one thing I want to get
 my chest."

Doctor: "You just tell me about
 my boy."

Boy: "A tattooed heart with
 name Mabel on it."

A noted minister preaching on Sabbath
 bath was asked by the soprano soloist
 for his subject so that she might sing
 an appropriate solo to follow the
 mon. When he hesitated, she said:
 "Never mind, I'll listen carefully
 before you are through, I'll have some-
 thing appropriate ready."

The sermon ended. Then came a
 selection entitled, "Sometime, Somewhere,
 We'll Understand."

The trouble with some of too
 smart children is that they don't see
 in the right place.

CHURCH NEWS

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TA FE ARCHBISHOP S 'GOING STEADY'

Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne of Ta Fe warned at Alberquerque, N. M., that boys and girls in Roman Catholic schools of the archdiocese who persist in "going steady" will face the threat of expulsion.

He told several hundred Catholic students at a breakfast that he plans to issue directives to all Catholic schools in the state outlining the campaign against "pagan ideals."

"The Catholics must understand that we cannot go along with pagan ideals," the archbishop said. "Our boys and girls are in great danger following ideals and principles that are not of God. In our high schools we find students necking, smoking and taking liberties not allowed by the law of God.

"Any boy or girl who persists in these practices will not be allowed to hold any position of honor in a school—and will be expelled, if necessary."

MUNIST PRESS ATTACKS TESTANT LEADERS

Communist newspapers in East Germany charged Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin and other Protestant leaders with being "agents of American and West German monopolism" and misusing church

The attacks came as a series of meetings were being held in West Germany under auspices of the German Evangelical Church Day (DEK). The meetings brought together thousands of delegates from parishes throughout Germany. Bishop Dibelius is chairman of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID). He said that during a recent visit to the United States he had received money designated for "altruistic charitable purposes" but actually intended to "support war efforts and so-called refugees."

Communist papers also charged that subsidies granted to the church are being "misused for

agitation against the East German Republic and for NATO propaganda."

WASHINGTON OBSERVER

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By 1975 the United States will have 230 million people and living space will be at a premium here as it has been in Britain for some time. India now has 450 millions and only periodic famines keep her population under any kind of control. China is said to have 650 millions and she is expected to triple that number and more within the next half century. Add to these the Russians who are a growing family and who are certainly not sitting down twiddling their thumbs while the rest of the world multiplies.

Kingsley David, eminent sociologist from the University of California, says: "Any discussion of future

economic development which ignores population growth is fallacious." Famed economist Eugene Staley of Leland Stanford University, says: "Despite all the vaunted technological and economic progress of modern times, there are probably more poverty-stricken people in the world today than fifty years ago." These are warning words. They remind us of the fact that there are explosive elements in the present development. Our sociologists and our economists clearly recognize this danger. How well do we recognize it—we whose very religion is one of world-concern? We presume to have in our religion the practical and full solution for this vast problem. How wisely and energetically are we applying that solution?

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Fresno, Calif., Marie K. Jensen, in memory of Chris Pilegard	5.00		Su. 5.00
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Kimballton, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Jens P. Kjergaard for Pension Fund—credit to be given Bethany Luth. Church of Kimballton	25.00	25.00	
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church from Harvest Festival, for: General Fund \$90; Dana College (School Fund) \$15; Home Missions \$10; Foreign Missions \$60; Parkjuli (Santal Mission) \$10; L.W.A. \$60; from Mr. and Mrs. Alex Petersen, in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Borse, for Parkjuli (Santal Mission \$50	295.00	115.00	120.00
Moorhead, Ia., Bethesda Luth. S. S. for Dana College (School Fund)	9.35	9.35	
Scranton, Ia., First Luth. Church	60.00	60.00	
Hutchinson, Minn., Main St. Luth. Church	700.00	700.00	
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. S. S.	35.00		Sa. 35.00
Sidney, Mont., Pella Foreign Mission Society	16.75		
Bostwick, Nebr., Bethel Luth. Church, Abdal, Nebr., received at Mission Meeting	36.00	36.00	
Irene, S. D., Turkey Valley Luth. Ladies Aid, in memory of Chris Fastrup for Home Missions	5.00	5.00	
Clinton, Wis., Pella Eng. Ev. Luth. Church	200.00	200.00	
Racine, Wis., Gethsemane Ev. Luth. Church	1000.00	1000.00	
Racine, Wis., Immanuel Luth. Church	3000.00	3000.00	
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Ev. Luth. Church	1000.00	1000.00	
Easton, Calif., Immanuel Ev. Luth. Church (Fresno County)	200.00	200.00	
No. Hollywood, Calif., Valley Luth. Church	137.75		(F) 59.75
Norwalk, Calif., Trinity Luth. Church	611.60	542.60	
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church for Munshi Tudu (Santal Mission) from S. S.	35.00		Sa. 35.00
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church	350.00	350.00	
Fremont, Nebr., First Luth. S. S.	150.00		Sa. 150.00
Portland, Ore., Bethany Luth. Church for: Synod. Quota, from Women of Bethany \$150; from S. S. \$100. For L.W.A. from S. S. \$100; General \$25	375.00	250.00	
Eugene, Ore., Hans and Sophia Nielsen	50.00		(F) 50.00
Brooklyn, Wis., Brooklyn Luth. Church	125.00	125.00	
Camp Douglas, Wis., St. Peter's Luth. Ladies Aid of Shennington, in memory of Mr. J. M. Jensen for Home Missions	5.00	5.00	
Luck, Wis., United First Eng. Ev. Luth. Church for: L.W.A. \$49; Home Mission (Offering \$123.02; by Willing Workers, in memory of Mrs. H. H. Bille \$2) \$125.02; Santal Mission, by Fred Petersons \$6; So. Amer. Mission, by Sunday School \$28.50; to apply on Quota by Congregation \$100	308.61	225.02	34.59
Pomona, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Jeppesen, for School Fund \$40; Home Mission \$20	60.00	60.00	
Brush, Colo., All Saints Church Eben Ezer	50.00	50.00	
Cedar Falls, Ia., Nazareth Luth. S. S.	40.00		(F) 40.00
Neola, Ia., St. Paul Luth. Church S. S.	7.48		Su. 7.48
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church from Harvest Festival, for Parkjuli	20.00		Sa. 20.00
Jacksonville, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jorgensen and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Christensen, in memory of Mrs. Geo. Sorenson, for Home Mission, credit to Bethlehem Luth. Church of Jacksonville	2.00	2.00	
Neola, Ia., Pastor and Mrs. Harry Sorensen for Children's Homes	10.00	10.00	
Scranton, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christensen, Scranton, Ia., and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen, Glidden, Ia., for support of Native Evangelist for month of November	10.00		Sa. 10.00
Edmore, Mich., Our Savior's Luth. S. S.	22.35		
Farmington, Minn., Farmington Ev. Luth. Church S. S. for Miss Helen Margaret Jacobsen to help support native trainee for Mission work	50.00		Su. 50.00
McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church: in memory of Peder Hansen, from members and friends of Ebenezer Church, for Home Mission \$17; Foreign Mission \$5; L.W.A. \$5; Synod. Budget \$61. In memory of John Hofman, from members and friends of Ebenezer Church, for Home Mission \$21; Sudan Mission \$7; L.W.A. \$5; Synod. Budget \$87	208.00	186.00	12.00
Laurel, Nebr., United Luth. Church, for: L.W.A. \$30; Pension Fund \$15; Foreign Mission \$15; in memory of Jogens Mogensen, General \$60; General Fund \$75	195.00	150.00	15.00
Omaha, Nebr., Pella Ev. Luth. Church	512.80	512.80	
Kenmare, N. D., Mrs. Peder Hansen, member of Trinity Church of Kenmare, present address, Sidney, Mont.	50.00	50.00	
Norma, N. Dak., Zion Luth. Church for School Fund	24.00	24.00	
Kenosha, Wis., St. Mary's Ev. Luth. Church	422.30		
Oregon, Wis., St. John's Luth. Church	133.59		
Poy Sippi, Wis., First Luth. Church	100.00	100.00	
Denver, Colo., St. Mark's Luth. Church	135.00	100.00	(F) 35.00
TOTALS	173406.06	86814.83	57493.03

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, November 9, 1957.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer

THE MINNESOTA DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Minnesota District held its 61st Annual Convention, October 8-10 in Main Street Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota. The congregations of the district were well represented with 52 delegates and 18 pastors. Many of the meetings were held in the recently completed parish unit which is indeed an asset to the furtherance of God's Kingdom in that area.

The Convention theme was based on Matthew 6:33 and entitled, "Seek First The Kingdom." Much spiritual food for thought was given by those participating in the devotions. The Tuesday evening opening service was a Communion Service with Pastor Fred Jacobson speaking on the topic, "In Repentance and Faith." We were forcefully reminded of the fact that we must come to Holy Communion with repentance and faith in order to be acceptable in the eyes of God. "In

My Personal Life and Home" was the devotional topic for consideration by Pastor Carl Jensen of Hazelwood. Here we were challenged to live the Christian life which we profess—to live in such a way that others know that we are seeking first the Kingdom of God.

Four members of the Hutchinson congregation presented a very interesting discussion to the Convention on Wednesday afternoon. Those taking part were: Mr. S. R. Knutson, Mr. John Natwick, Mr. LeRoy Olson, and Mrs. Harold Sanken. The discussion was based on the theme, "Seek First The Kingdom In My Congregational Activities." The individual considerations were as follows: "Seek The Kingdom in the teaching program in our parish schools," "Seek the Kingdom in our stewardship of time, talents, and treasure," "Seek first the Kingdom in our ministry to those in need," and "Seek first the Kingdom in our auxil-

ary organizations."

Dr. Alfred H. Ewald, President, Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, spoke to us on Wednesday evening. His topic was, "In the Call to Service." He considered the call to the ministry from the standpoint of pastor and congregation. Much practical advice was given to both pastor and layman regarding the call to the ministry to the local congregation. Many of the meeting with a deeper spiritual insight into the high calling of God.

The devotional topics for Thursday were, "In a Spirit of Perseverance," "In a Spirit of Sacrifice." Pastor Mumm of Geneva used Luke 9:21 as the text for Christian perseverance. Pastor Leo H. Anderson, Owa, reminded us of the need for real sacrifice if the Kingdom is to grow in us. Following the afternoon Devotional Service, there were meetings both the W.M.S. and the men's Church. Pastor J. E. Andersen, S.

discussed the possibility of forming a District Brotherhood.

The final meeting of our District Convention was the W.M.S. Foreign Mission Meeting. Missionary Helen Bret Jacobsen told much about her work in the Sudan, leaving us with a challenge to do more praying and to mission work.

Members from the Business Sessions: District President Fred Jacobsen invited and welcomed the following pastors to the district: Pastor H. J. Jendensen, Hutchinson; Pastor F. A. Blooming Prairie; Pastor Carl J. Hazelwood; Pastor Leo H. Anderson, Owatonna; and Pastor Holger J. Pass Lake.

Minnesota Lutheran Welfare was elected on the District quota for the coming year. Pastor Edward Hansen, Hutchinson, was elected the new president and Armin Hellpap, Owatonna, was elected as Secretary. The Minnesota Lutheran Congregation, Minneapolis, extended an invitation for the District Convention. This invitation was gratefully accepted.

NEWS AND NOTES

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"I read this letter very carefully. I know I do not speak English well."

Your loving friend,
J. Ezra."

For Ezra was an inspiration to all that became better acquainted with him. We soon felt that he was a noble child of God—a first fruit of His work in Nigeria, Africa. Our prayers have not worked in vain. Are they working in vain today? Thanks to one and all, who in prayer aided in the visit of this brother.

NEW NAME IS ADOPTED BY UCLA MEN'S GROUP

PITTSBURGH — "United Lutheran Men" is the new name of the men's auxiliary of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Representatives of the Church's men's groups from all parts of the country met at Pittsburgh in special convention to vote to adopt the new name of "The Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America" which the organization had known since its founding. The action came following defeat of efforts to amend the name to "United Lutheran Men" and to keep the name "Brotherhood."

The new constitution and by-laws adopted by the convention also provide that biennial meetings be held in odd-numbered years, starting from this

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, New York, president of the UCLA, called upon men's organizations to be "more than supper clubs" within a congregation.

"Fellowship is fine," Dr. Fry said, "but it is not enough. Men's auxiliaries should be the vanguard of their congregations and never an end in themselves."

He cited these concerns for Christian laymen's groups.

"Every Christian should recognize that God calls him to be His partner in his daily work. Every part of our increasingly complex social life is a part of God's plan for humanity. God's will is behind it and in it.

"God wants man to be fed, informed, healed, given healthy recreation. Everyone who performs a useful and honorable work that benefits others is a helper of the Creator of it all.

"If he is a discerning man, he doesn't work only for wages or with his eye on the clock. He is a minister

of God as truly as the preacher who stands in the pulpit. He is freed from both boredom and impatience. His trade is more than a way to make a living, it is a vocation."

REMEMBRANCE

"Lest we forget! Our Saviour calls us here

To sit with him at the appointed hour.

Lest we forget! Here in the wilderness

He spreads a table for his welcome guests.

"Lest we forget! He takes the bread, the cup,

Bids us to eat and drink and with him sup.

Lest we forget his death, the empty tomb,

His words are, 'Do ye this until I come.'"

—I. A. Morgan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Joint Union Committee	Chicago	Dec. 19-20
Joint Union Committee	Chicago	Jan. 9-10
UELCL Pension Board	Chicago	Jan. 22
Joint Pension Boards	Chicago	Jan. 23
Board of Examiners, Trinity Seminary	Dubuque	Jan. 28
Board of Education	Dubuque	Jan. 29
NLC Annual Meeting	Atlantic City	Feb. 3-7
Foreign Mission Board	Dubuque	Feb. 11-12
Joint Meeting of District Presidents	Minneapolis	Feb. 24-25
Home Mission Board and Church Council	Minneapolis	Feb. 26-27
Inauguration of Dr. C. C. Madsen as President of Dana College	Blair	March 17
Board of Trustees	Blair	March 17, 18, 19
Church Council	Blair	April 14-15
UELCL Annual Convention	Blair	June 19-24

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Examiners of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church will meet at Trinity Seminary on the Wartburg Seminary Campus, Dubuque, Iowa on January 28, 1958. At that time the seniors who are candidates for ordination will appear before the Board of Examiners.

A candidate for ordination may not entertain or hold a call prior to January 14, 1957. At that time the seniors who are candidates for ordination will appear before the Board of Examiners.

A senior student in theology shall consult with the synodical president and the president of the district concerned before accepting or rejecting a call.

The following are the seminary seniors from the UELCL who expect to graduate in the spring of 1958:

Norman Freund	Luther Seminary	St. Paul, Minn.
Daniel Hansen	Capital Seminary	Columbus, Ohio
Russell Jensen	Trinity Seminary	Dubuque, Iowa
William King	Trinity Seminary	Dubuque, Iowa
Chris Laursen	N. W. Seminary	Minneapolis, Minn.
Peter Mathiasen	Luther Seminary	St. Paul, Minn.
LeVern Nielsen	Trinity Seminary	Dubuque, Iowa
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